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Sales Department Reorganization, Tax Credits, Discussed At GHI

by Katherine Keene

The GHI Board met on Tuesday, December 20, "to take up a few odds and ends in a short meeting", as President James Smith put it. They adjourned shortly before midnight, after considering a variety of subjects ranging from a CB antenna on Ridge Road to the GHI Mortgage Burning Party to be held on January 29.

Manager Roy Breashears presented a proposed reorganization of the present Sales Office into a Sales and Member Services Department. The principal differences between the new organization and the present one are that in addition to handling and processing sales, the office would also handle communications with members, varying from dealing with barking dogs to problems with neighbors or notifying members of federal programs available that might be of value to families. The new program will be funded by administrative, membership, and transfer fees, plus some other fees, and would impose no additional charges to the membership at large. It was pointed out that the charging of a flat administrative fee to a seller would be less than the 5-6% of total sales price commission that would be paid to an outside realty office, but that if the house is sold through an outside realtor the selling member would have to pay the GHI service fee plus the commission. The proposal will receive further study in committee before any final adoption.

The board decided to continue to plan a questionnaire for senior citizens, despite objections from a member that it would invade privacy because it asked detailed questions on age and income. The feeling at the board table was that a member could simply not answer questions that she or he deemed too personal, and that answers would be confidential and that such a survey was needed if GHI were to participate in federal programs for assistance to retired or handicapped members.

The authorization of \$3,639,729 for 1978 expenditures was approved for first reading. As usual this was done with less debate than some apparently more minor matters; actually this reflected the adoption of the budget, and really represented debate spread over many meetings.

The board considered, and endorsed, a legislative proposal which would establish a tax credit to offset any increase in GHI's state tax assessments following rehabilitation. This is especially important since GHI will in all probability soon embark on a major rehabilitation program. In effect the credit would stabilize the GHI tax bill at its present level for the period of time it would take to repay the loans needed for rehabilitation (or at least 10 years.) This could represent a noticeable savings to GHI and its

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WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. Woman's Club, Community Church
8 p.m. GHI Board meeting, Hamilton Place

Sun., Jan. 15, 3:30-5 p.m. Greenbelt Chamber Orchestra Practice, Youth Center

Mon., Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. School Budget Hearing, Eleanor Roosevelt Sr. High
8 p.m. Meeting on closing of North End School, North End School

Tues., Jan. 17, 8 p.m. PRAB information meeting on playgrounds, Municipal bldg.

Open Meeting Jan. 16 On School Changes

The Greenbelt City Council and The Greenbelt School Study Committee will hold a working session to discuss the Prince Georges County Board of Education's "Study of Demographic Alternatives - Elementary Schools" on Monday, January 16 at 8 p.m. at North End Elementary School.

The study would change elementary school boundaries for the purpose of returning students to their neighborhood schools, wherever possible. It also proposed to close eleven elementary schools in the county.

In Greenbelt, the Demographic Study would return Boxwood, Lakeside North, Charlestowne Village and University Square children from John Carroll Elementary School to join the Greenbelt children presently attending North End and Center Schools in forming a new student population for Center School. North End School, in this study, is scheduled to be closed.

The agenda for the January 16 meeting includes a discussion of the study and possible alternatives that Greenbelt parents may wish to consider. All interested citizens are urged to join in this information and idea session.

Orchestra Calls For Players

The Greenbelt Chamber Orchestra extends a warm invitation to all string players interested in playing chamber music. The next rehearsal will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Sunday, January 15 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. For additional information call Catherine Kerst, evenings, 345-5989.

Council Bogs Down Over Reclassification Plan

by Edith Beauchamp

A supposedly brief meeting of city council on January 9 began swiftly enough, but bogged down towards the end as council members bickered over the classification of cities issue and whether to grant a beer license to the Easy Times Arco station in Springhill Lake.

The Maryland Municipal League plans to consider pursuing legislation amending the Maryland Constitution to allow cities to be classified by other criteria than population. Such reclassification could affect the amount of municipal aid each city receives from the state.

Mayor Pro tem Gil Weidenfeld introduced the matter, maintaining that many small cities, population-wise, provide far more services to their citizens than much larger cities and therefore are more deserving of additional aid. He recommended that council support a referendum's being placed on the ballot in the elections this year.

Other council members, however, were worried that a 1978 election was too soon to consider this matter fully, and that criteria such as the amount of service the city provides could only be arbitrarily arrived at and might give state legislators the opportunity to strip certain cities of municipal aid.

Weidenfeld argued that the referendum would be politically advantageous this year, an election year.

Councilman Charles Schwan added, "I don't think the state legislators are sitting up there plotting the demise of Indianhead, Md. or Greenbelt, Md. I just don't think they are doing that."

A motion by Councilman Thomas White to oppose a referendum on a constitutional amendment for reclassification of cities failed 2 to 2, Councilman Richard Castaldi being absent.

Schwan then made a motion that "Council not support approval of a classification amendment being submitted in 1978, but request appropriate committees of the League to develop this matter - more education on it - and to bring it back for a decision at a later date as to whether or not the League would pursue it further."

This motion passed 3 to 1 with Weidenfeld against.

Beer License

The city received a request for a Class D beer license from the Easy Times Arco, a combination gasoline service station and convenience store at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Breeze-wood Dr.

Mayor Richard Pilski and Schwan were adamantly opposed to granting such a license but White and Weidenfeld felt that the city should take no position and leave the matter to the Liquor Control Board.

Every member of the audience spoke out against granting a license, and expressed the opinion that the city had the responsibility to take a position.

Most people objected to the location of the convenience store and the fact that it was coupled with a gas station.

The Easy Times Arco is near the Springhill Lake apartments and recreation center, and the potential sale of beer to minors worried most people. Robbery was another concern, and the problem for police of apprehending a thief in that area.

After extremely lengthy debate, White finally "gave up the ship" and voted against the license.

Council considered many other items at length which will be dealt with in separate articles in this and future issues of the News Review.

Ten Top Stories of 1977

In accordance with its annual custom, the Greenbelt News Review has selected the ten top Greenbelt stories of 1977. This year the following were chosen, listed in the approximate order of their occurrence.

The city gets into the building business in a big way with a \$355,700 addition to the municipal building (of which \$282,860 is supplied by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration) and an elderly housing facility on the Ridge Road Center property (to cost \$3.4 million with 100% financing through the State of Maryland Community Development Administration). The former, 6,560 sq. ft. on two floors and a partial basement, will house the city manager's and the treasurer's offices, allowing the Police Department and CARES to take over vacated space in the old building. The elderly housing facility will have 100 individual apartments and communal dining room, work rooms, and lounges. Delays in delivery of some building materials push the completion date for the new city office wing into 1978, but the groundbreaking ceremony for the elderly housing facility occurs at the end of 1977.

Throughout the year city council grapples with questions about how to make the best use of recreational land to benefit Greenbelt citizens. In an effort to limit outsiders' use of the Lake Park, council passes ordinance restricting nearby parking; accepts PRAB recommendation to maintain Parcel 7 near Boxwood entrance in its natural state; and supports development of new ballfields at the sanitary landfill site, North End School, and Windsor Green to meet needs of larger population and to make possible one year closing of Braden field for major renovation.

Major apartment and condominium developments on both sides of Greenbelt Rd. east of the B-W Parkway add to city's population and involve council in decisions on road designs and construction timetable. Phase II development of Greenbriar is completed, as owners of 236 units in 16 buildings form association to take over management from developer Alan Kay and Phase III is almost ready for occupancy. Phases IV and V of Greenbriar development, nearest NASA, will consist of 463 rental units, called Glen Oaks. Windsor Green projects 750 individually owned brick Townhouses. First owners move in during summer and fall.

Greenbelt's dream of its own METRO rail station brightens and then dims. In February METRO officials present preview of design proposals for a 40 acre terminal at B&O tracks, but soon after, a Task Force study begins exploring less costly transportation alternatives. Greenbelters strongly support completion of entire 100-mile METRO rail system: 64% in September poll willing to pay additional funds to complete entire system, 78% preferring alignment along B&O tracks. In November, council and others publicly testify before Task Force urging completion of line to Greenbelt. But county politicians doubt county taxpayers will agree, suggest Greenbelt line may have to be sacrificed.

City council cuts property tax rate from \$1.06 to 99c per \$100 assessed valuation as 1976 revenues exceed expectation for the first time in four years. Council elects to return some of this excess to tax payers through a decrease in the 1977 tax rate as a conservative majority held the line on most budget items. Reflecting the growing needs of the city, however, funds for more and better-kept ball fields and for four additional staff positions are allocated.

Commercial development plans besiege city during 1977! County approves plans for Stidham office building (4 stories, 41,000 sq. ft.) and by winter site is cleared. Greenbelt Triangle (55 acres) concept plan emerges by summer: Capitol Cadillac (6.5 acres), a motel complex, medical center mini-banquet center, and 6 office buildings (450,000 sq. ft.). Clearing and grading for half of tract are virtually completed by year's end, though only auto dealership has firm commitment. As sewer moratorium is lifted July 14; more plans loom on the horizon. Springhill Lake North dusts off plans for five 10-story office buildings and a motel-convention-restaurant facility, adds new plans for an elderly housing complex. Owners of Schrom property throw in a commercial-retail-office complex (24 acres). By now city officials are anxious to speed up improvement of the already congested Greenbelt Rd.-Kenilworth Ave. intersection before new development adds still more traffic. Council voices frustration when county agencies forget to notify Greenbelt of a sewer request, a building permit, and an amended grading plan; Greenbelt demands better co-operation and communication.

With the final mortgage payment to GNMA due on December 30, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. turns its attention to rehabilitation of its 35- and 40-year old homes. Board votes to complete heating conservation program by converting the last three large steam plants in the north end to hot water to effect a projected 47.6% savings in fuel oil. In February, the solar heating project, a joint project with NASA, becomes operational, bringing a 45% fuel oil savings in March. By fall, management is enthusiastic over results of heating conservation project and other fuel reduction measures and insulation of crawl spaces. GHI's membership demographic survey indicates 30% are elderly and nearly 50% would qualify for certain low-income rehabilitation federal grants. GHI is now looking for federal grant money to help cushion cost of rehabilitation for those least able to pay. Year ends with GHI board and committee members scrutinizing the details of the first draft of the Rehabilitation and Planning Study.

City appropriates \$315,000 from Capital Improvement Fund to augment

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Notice of Public Information Meeting GHI Area Playground Improvements

Tuesday, January 17, 1978 - 8:00 P.M.

City Council Room - Greenbelt Municipal Building

The City of Greenbelt has been allocated Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds for the improvement of city playgrounds in the original and defense homes areas of Greenbelt. At the request of the City Council, the Greenbelt Park and Recreation Advisory Board is conducting a public meeting to hear citizens views on what improvements should be undertaken with the money. Examples of improvements that might be proposed for a playground area are: new equipment, park benches, trash containers, planting of trees, lawn improvements, repairs to sidewalks, night lights, etc.

Any person wishing to make comments or suggestions at the meeting will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments, either submitted at the meeting or addressed to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, will also be released.

GHI residents interested in improvements being made to their neighborhood playground are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to let the City know.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

THE CITY COUNCIL HAS DEFERRED THE REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1978 TO MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1978. On MONDAY, JAN. 16, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. the City Council will hold a Committee-of-the-Whole Work Session to discuss with members of the Citizens School Committee matters relating to the possible closing of elementary schools in Greenbelt, specifically the proposal to close the North End School. Citizens participation is invited.

The meeting will be held in the library of the North End School.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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HUMOR APPRECIATED

To the Editor:

I enjoyed reading Linda Orenstein's delightful column in the January 5 issue of the News Review, and I hope you will be publishing more of her stories. She is the most talented new writer of humor the News Review has found in a long time — and if there is one thing this old world of ours could use more of, it is laughter.

I also liked the articles about Jim Giese, in tribute to his surviving 15 years as Greenbelt's City Manager, while remaining unflappable.

All in all, it was a particularly good issue. Thanks!

Dorothy Sucher

Participatory Democracy

To the Editor:

Soon to be distributed to members is the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. "Planning and Rehabilitation Study". Although preparation, conclusions and recommendations are the responsibility of consultants, the procedure employed included vigorous interaction between them and representatives of the GHI community. The latter was made up of the entire board and audit committee, personnel of six committees advisory to the board and members of the management staff — about sixty people in all.

Activities of GHI representatives peaked on two occasions. The first occurred last November when for most nights of one week individual committees met to react to the consultant's first draft, and, in an all day Saturday session all GHI representatives met to agree on what they would communicate to the consultant. The second peak period was last week when the November procedure was repeated in order to react to the consultant's second draft.

Briefly stated, the procedure was a model in participatory democracy. The GHI representatives did their homework. Their constructive criticism, I believe, will result in a report much superior to what would have been produced otherwise.

Charles F. Schwan

Meeting On Upgrade of Playground Areas Set

The city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board will be holding a Public Information Meeting to hear citizen suggestions for playground improvements in the GHI areas using Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17 at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Some \$30,000 has been earmarked to upgrade playground areas. The grant program, administered by Prince Georges County, stipulates that these funds must be used in Greenbelt's oldest neighborhood — the GHI area.

Mishkan Torah News

"Fun With Plexiglas", a lecture and demonstration by Susan Stregack, will be the subject of the next meeting of the Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah, to be held on Monday evening, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Stregack teaches under a specially funded Maryland National Capital Park and Planning program.

A social gathering and business meeting will precede the demonstration, which will start promptly at 9 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

THANKS

To the Editor:

I wish to thank the many members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. committees that have contributed time to review the draft of the consultant's report.

We (GHI) will surely receive a more accurate and responsive report because of the intense interest and long hours contributed by so many committee members. As soon as the final report is received it will be made available to all members.

We will schedule several meetings to discuss the consultant's findings and recommendations, consider management's recommendations and decide upon a course of action.

James W. Smith
 President,
 Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

THANKS

To the Editor:

Post and Star carriers Gene Kellaher and Mike Kellaher thank Lakewood residents for their many Christmas cards and gifts.

Gene Kellaher
 Mike Kellaher

Woman's Club News

The January membership meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt will be held Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall of the Greenbelt Community Church, Virginia McCarthy, from the Agriculture Extension Education Department of the University of Maryland will speak on conservation and show slides of rivers and streams of Maryland.

The Club's December meeting was devoted to fellowship, conservation and the singing of Christmas Carols. The hall was trimmed with Christmas decorations, an exchange of gifts was held, and a donation of money and gifts were sent to Great Oaks Center.

E. Roosevelt PTSA

"Minimum Graduation Standards" will be discussed at the next meeting of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA on Tuesday, January 17 at 8:30 p.m. at the school.

Speakers will be Joseph Morton and Linda Kerr, administrators of Project Basic of the State Board of Education. They will introduce plans to implement these minimum graduation standards by 1982 and explain how competency will be certified.

Project Basic has been established by the state board to provide leadership for translating the board's new policy into actual competency based on prerequisites for graduation. The competencies to be required are: 1. basic skills, reading, writing and calculating; 2. survival skills, fundamental skills such as consumer, parenting, interpersonal, mechanical and financial; 3. work skills, skills needed for assistance in securing employment, or post-secondary education; 4. leisure time skills, those that help the student become involved in creative and healthful leisure-time activities such as arts and sports; and 5. citizenship skills, skills that help students to become involved in the electoral process and that help them to understand the system of justice.

All parents, students and interested citizens are invited to attend the meeting in the school's auditorium.

Warning: Do Not Turn Radiators Off

This week, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has had three cases of radiators freezing, resulting in flooding of the members' homes. This situation occurs when the member turns his radiator completely off and opens a window in the same room. In very cold weather, this situation will cause the radiator to freeze and break with the resulting damage to floors, rugs and furniture.

GHI members are therefore warned to not turn off their radiators completely. They must give the knob one full turn to make sure that the radiator is always on. If this problem of flooding does occur, GHI will not be responsible for damage to personal property.

At the Library

Beginning on Jan. 9 through Jan. 19 there will be registration for a Story Program for 2 year olds. The program, which will consist of stories, songs and fingerplays, will begin on Jan. 19 and continue on six Thursday mornings. It is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Program Room.

Do it, a series of creative crafts for the family, will feature Decoupage on three consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, and Jan. 28. Decoupage II, for ages 9-Adult, will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room on Jan. 14. Those who wish to participate must register in advance. Participants are required to bring a picture to decoupage, a board or box and manicure scissors. For details call 345-5800.

Ages 3-5 will continue to be delighted at the Drop-In Stories program at 2 p.m. in the Children's Program Room.

CITY NOTES

Public Works

Fuel oil was removed from the oil tank at the Ridge Road Center. Approximately 450 gallons were recovered. Other work in conjunction with the Elderly Housing was establishing grades from the Center underpass south toward Ridge Road on city property to determine the feasibility of a ramp. Some street patching was done, as well as maintenance work in the shop and on the lake trail.

Four men reported on New Year's Day and applied salt on areas requiring treatment. Work is continuing in Greenbriar Park, and Christmas trees were collected and chipped. The City Christmas tree was "untrimmed" and playground equipment repairs were made.

Refuse trucks are now using the Brown Station landfill. Presently it takes from one to one and one-quarter hours to make the round trip, which includes travel time, truck weighing and dumping at the landfill. The newspaper collection netted six tons and 520 pounds. Both routes were picked up on one day.

Total attendance recorded for all recreation programs for the 1977 calendar year was 292,890 persons.

CARES

JoAnn Parochetti has joined the Greenbelt CARES staff as a full-time Youth Supervisor. JoAnn, a city resident, has had extensive experience working with youth in training and career development.

SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING

The Prince Georges County Board of Education will hold a Budget Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 16 at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.

World Religion Day Observed by Baha'i

The Baha'i community of Greenbelt is preparing to observe the 29th anniversary of World Religion Day, Sunday, January 15. World Religion Day is sponsored each year by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States. It was begun in 1950 to proclaim the singleness of religious truth and to express the belief that religion should be a cause of unity among the peoples of the world.

In Greenbelt, the Baha'is will host an observance at the home of Jim and Firoozeh Sturdivant, 7980 Lakecrest Drive. It will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 15.

Observance of World Religion Day is prompted by some basic teachings of Baha'u'llah (in English, "The Glory of God"), Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith, Who said, "All the Prophets of God proclaim the same Faith." He explained that each of them was sent by God to restate the unchanging principles of religion—such as obedience to God, love of one's fellow men, humility, justice—as well as reveal new social teachings suited to the needs of the time. Their laws and teachings are the basis for the development of civilization.

Wolfe - Romanik

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wolfe, 7 Greenway Place, announce the engagement of their daughter Cynthia Ann to Gary Allen Romanik of Millville, New Jersey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Romanik. Both are graduates of Frostburg State College.

A summer wedding is planned.

Mina DeGagne

Mina Ankele DeGagne died January 7, 1978, after a long illness, in Cooperstown, Pa. She leaves her husband, Ernst DeGagne, formerly of 6-V Plateau Place.

Condolences may be sent to Ernst DeGagne, Box 27, Rt. 2 Taylor Drive, Center Valley, Penna., 18034.

Mishkan Torah Notes

Dr. William Perl will speak on a "Comprehensive Peace in the Middle East" at the Mishkan Torah on Saturday, January 14. Dr. Perl recently met with Israeli's Premier Menachem Begin, a long time friend. Services start at 9:30 a.m.

MOWATT MEMORIAL
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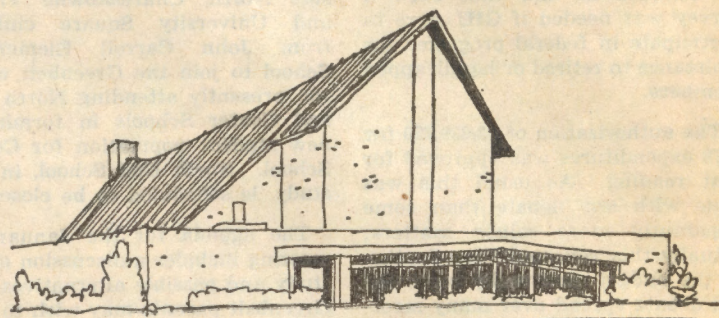
Sunday Worship

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

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Recreation Review

Free Programs

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Arts & Crafts - YC/SHLRC Mondays 4 p.m., 1st thru 3rd graders, YC/SHLRC Wednesdays 4 p.m., 4th thru 6th graders; Chucks 'n' Lessies - Group games/physical fitness program for boys and girls. (Club shirts provided for regular attendance.) YC/SHLRC Sat., 9-10:30 a.m., Ages 6-8 years, Sat., 10:30-12 noon, Ages 9-12 years; Funtime - Stories, games and crafts, for fun and skill, YC Thursdays 4-5 p.m., Ages 3-6 years; Volleyball - Co-recreational Play, CS Competitive games, Mondays, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Ages 16 & over; CS Leisure games, Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Ages 16 & over.

Winter Class Registration

There are still openings in the winter recreation classes which will not begin until the week of Jan. 23. For further information, call the Rec. Depart., Mon.-Fri., 9-5 p.m. 474-6878.

Open Area Gyms

The following is a schedule for other gyms in the area that are open to the public: Greenbelt Junior High School, Sun., 2-6 p.m. Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, Sun., 6-10 p.m.

Family Roller Skating

Family skating begins this Sun., Jan. 15, at the Greenbelt Center Elementary School. Skating will be held in the gymnasium from 1-3 p.m., Sundays, throughout the winter. A nominal fee is charged at the door. All families are encouraged to participate in this program.

Democratic Club

Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman installed the newly elected officers of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club at the club's holiday gala on December 16. Officers are Charles Sokol, president; Bob Dove, Marcia Krasnick and Tom White, vice-presidents; Jeffrey Gallagher, treasurer; Sheila Gallagher, corresponding secretary; Dorothy Rothgeb, secretary and Stanley Druben, sergeant at arms.

The next meeting of the club will be on Friday, January 20 at the Greenbriar Community Center, at 8 p.m. Mayor Donald Schaefer of Baltimore will be the guest speaker.

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New: and we mean a new listing. We have just listed this splendid, spacious, 5 bedroom, 2½ bath split-level with carpet, and all of the goodies. Located on Powder Mill Road, near High Point High, and you'll want to see this one for sure. Priced to sell quick at only \$68,000, so you can see what we mean.

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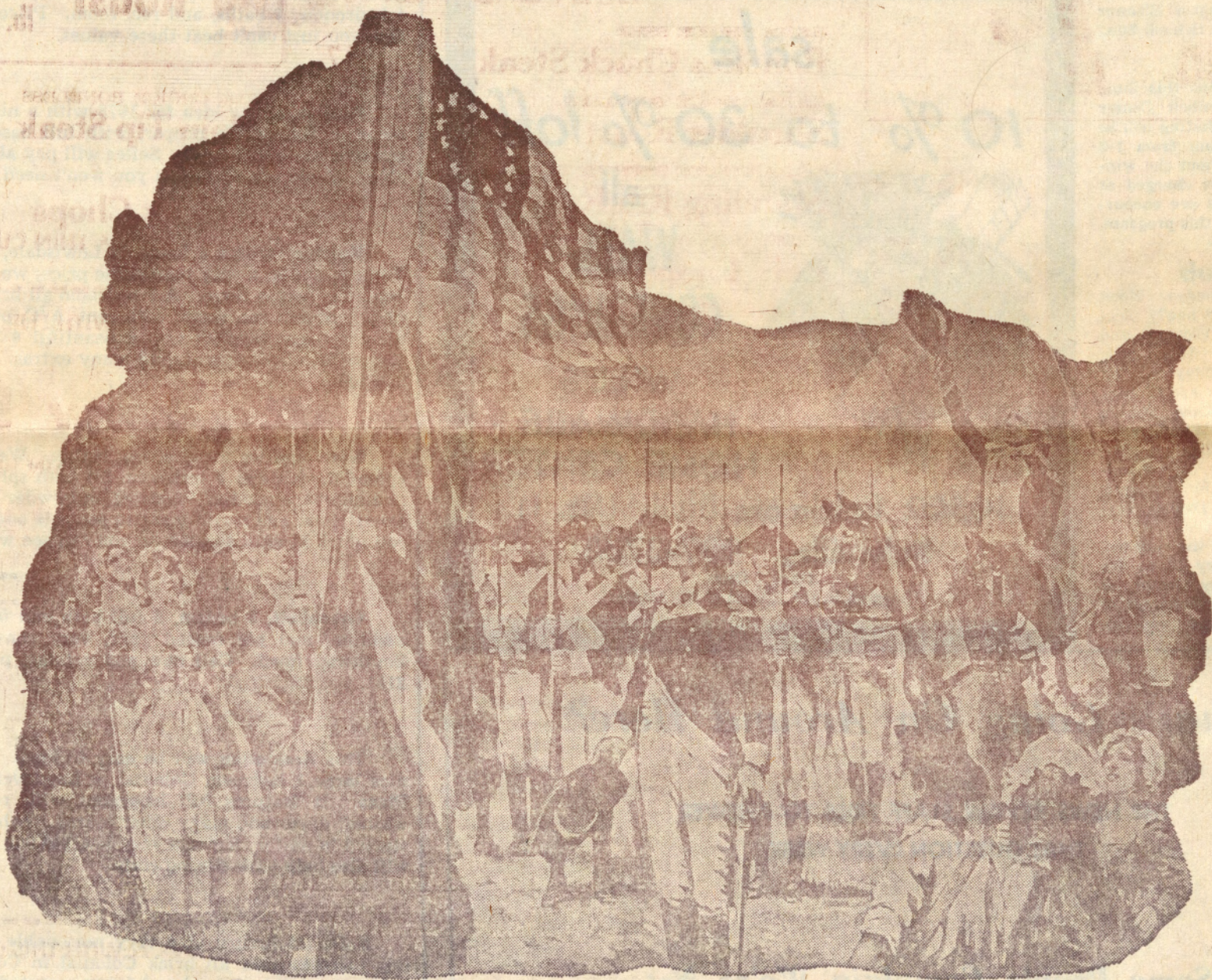
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Former Greenbelter Creates U.S. Capital Nativity Scene

by Linda Orenstein

The Nativity scene that Washingtonians and visitors to the Capital city have seen for the past five years is not the labor of the government bureaucracy, but the product of the efforts of a private citizen, Vaughn E. Barkdoll and his supporters in the American Christian Heritage Association. Barkdoll, formerly a Greenbelt resident, is part-owner of the Nook & Cranny Shop.

There was a possibility that 1977 may have marked the last year that the Association would sponsor a Nativity scene to be presented in the National Christmas Pageant of Peace, but Barkdoll is optimistic that the yearly project will continue. Debts that had been overburdening the volunteers have been eased and this year's experience of "breaking even" has given all concerned new impetus.

The project was launched when a September, 1973 ruling of the United States District Court of Appeals (District of Columbia) in the case of Allen versus Morton No. 71-1909, forced the government to eliminate the Nativity scene, usually a part of the National Christmas Pageant of Peace on the Ellipse in Washington, on the grounds that it constituted government involvement with religion. People from the entire country called the director of Special Events of the National Parks Service to register their complaint, but Barkdoll was stirred to action.

Barkdoll and others formed a corporation known as the American Christian Heritage Association. They followed the procedures to obtain a demonstration permit and when it was received, began their fundraising efforts. Barkdoll received the help and support of friends and the Knights of Columbus in his ambitious project to build a Nativity scene. Not only did he want to construct a creche with live animals, but he wanted the opening of the exhibit to take place on December 13, a short month from November 13, the date the Association had received word of the issuance of its demonstration permit.

The finished Nativity scene was no mean project. It consisted of a 50'x25' area, completely enclosed by a wooden fence. The enclosure housed a stable built in two sections with a manger area in the center, allowing the livestock room to roam about. A taped narration told the Christmas story to those visitors viewing the cheche. The

display was completed and dedicated on time, and each year since then Barkdoll and his supporters have nurtured the idea of an annual Nativity scene and, as private citizens, have made their dream a reality.

Barkdoll states that he pursued his idea of the Nativity because he did not want to see another tradition simply fade away, and that a Pageant without a creche ignores what he sees as the true meaning of Christmas. His awareness of the founding of this country on religious principles and for religious freedom made him seek an alternative to the court's decision.

Police Blotter

Ten accidents were handled last week. Four hit and run accidents were also reported. One occurred on New Year's Eve and the operators of both of these vehicles were identified. Both are 17 year old residents. In a separate incident a child was struck on Ridge Road. She was slightly injured; no one was charged.

A student at Center School reported that as he got off his school bus he was struck in the leg with a BB, receiving a superficial injury. A total of 18 juvenile complaints were handled last week.

Cpl. Miskell, on routine patrol at the Beltway Plaza, recovered a car that had been stolen from College Park. One vehicle was reported stolen from Springhill Lake.

Soft drink machines at the Exxon gas station and the Mobil Car Wash were tampered with during the early morning hours on Jan. 5.

Fourteen alarms were responded to last week. All were accidental or malfunctions. Seven loud neighbor complaints were received. Five domestic complaints were handled without major incident and four intoxicated drivers were stopped and provided with safer methods of getting home.

40 GHI Members Work on Saturday

by Janet James

January 7 saw about 40 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members give up another Saturday to review a tentative report on the rehabilitation project. These 40 people were part of a group of about 60 members of the Board, the Audit Committee and the Long Range Planning, Aesthetics and Environment, Engineering and Maintenance, Member and Community Relations, Finance, and Parking Committees who have been meeting and working on the project for several months.

The meeting lasted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and although the 42-page "Financial Considerations"

section was the only new material, input from the committees appeared in every section.

Charles Schwan, a member, and Kenneth Kopstein, Asst. General Manager, volunteered to act as liaison between the committees working on the report and the consultants, as, indeed, they have been acting from the beginning of the project. Schwan and Kopstein will coordinate the suggestions and corrections made at Saturday's meeting and give them to the consultants.

James Smith, president of GHI,

said that when the consultants have submitted their final report, and the Board has accepted it, copies will be sent to all GHI members. Funds to provide a copy for each member are in the Federal Grant. Smith also said that at least one and possibly two hearings and a special meeting for all members will be held for all members after they have received their copies of the consultants' report, in order that the Board, before it acts on the report or any segment of it, may have the benefit of input from all GHI members.

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Marine Private Gus M. Malakatis, son of George M. Malakatis, of 8005 Lakecrest Drive, has reported for duty with the 2d Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Plan For Reception

A reception for Steny H. Hoyer, President of the Maryland Senate, will be held on Tuesday, January 17, at 8:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Library.

The Reception is being hosted by 24th Legislative District State Senator Edward T. Conroy and Delegates, Gerard Devlin, Leo Green and David Gray Ross.

According to Conroy, "The event is designed to allow the residents of our district to meet informally with Senator Hoyer and their elected state officials, as we prepare to begin the 1978 session of the Maryland General Assembly".

For more information on the 24th District Reception, please contact Micki Weidenfeld at 345-2327 or Marcia Krasnick at 277-7977.

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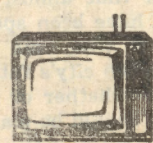
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COUNCIL ASSESSES NEED FOR NEW BOND ISSUE

by Elaine Skolnik

In 1968 the citizens of Greenbelt voted for a \$950,000 bond issue to establish a capital improvements program for the city. Since that time the city has undertaken a variety of projects, totaling about \$1.9 million. This was possible because of the city's success in supplementing the bond funds with state and federal grant moneys and contributions from other sources.

At the December 12 city council meeting, Councilman Thomas X. White pointed out that almost all of the bond funds have been spent. He thought that it was time for council to examine the city's future needs to determine whether or not another bond issue should be placed before the voters.

White felt that long term bond issues enable the city to "make the best use of its funds" and provide an even tax rate.

Council at its meeting on January 9 directed the city manager to (1) begin to develop a list of projects that would be worthy of consideration for a capital improvements bond issue and (2) schedule a work session next month to consider the process of evaluating the project list, receiving Advisory Planning Board input and holding public hearings.

Among the benefits accruing to the city from the 1968 bond issue were city purchase of (1) parcels 7 and 8 (near Boxwood Village entrance) and the south shore of the Greenbelt Lake, thus forestalling commercial and high density apartment development of open space land, (2) portions of parcels 1 and 2 (property between the GHI homes and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway) to protect the "planned community" concept in Greenbelt, and (3) the Springhill Lake Golf course and 7 acres of Smith-Ewing land next to the Greenbriar development.

The expansion of the city's recreation facilities by the construction of an addition to the Youth Center (Golden Age Lounge, etc.) and the purchase of the Ridge Road

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federal grant of \$126,400 and State open space grant to purchase over 28 acres in Parcel 1, creating an unbroken strip of land about 1.2 miles long bordering the northeastern corner of the city for walking and bike trails. Council also begins condemnation proceedings to acquire almost 9.9 acres of Parcel 2 to replace recreational land lost when the Ridge Rd. Center property is set aside for an elderly housing project.

1977 begins and ends with alarm over possibility of closing a Greenbelt elementary school. During the first four months School Board sponsored Community Task Force 2-B passes over Center and North End to close Lanham Elementary. But as winter again approaches, a new demographic study calls for 95% of county elementary students to attend neighborhood schools. Among 11 schools to be closed would be North End. All Springhill Lake students would walk to SHL. For the third year, Greenbriar students would be shifted, this time to Magnolia. Greenbelt core students would all walk to a (possibly over-crowded) Center School. City Council wonders out loud why county agencies fail to view Greenbelt as one community.

Residents who cherish the sense of community that old Greenbelt offers, begin effort to draw in newer areas cut off by high-speed, limited-access highways. For the first time officials talk seriously of linking these areas together by local transportation and pedestrian/bicycle overpasses.

Decision to construct an overpass linking Goddard, Greenbriar and Roosevelt high school with the core of the city is announced by Congresswoman Gladys Spellman. Spellman got together city, county, state and federal officials to find the funds and pinpoint the responsibility. Possible sites and types of construction are now under study.

First Aid for Choking

The Prince Georges County Chapter of the American National Red Cross has initiated an informational campaign on First Aid for Choking. In an effort to educate the public, the Red Cross has made available an illustrated poster showing a relatively easy but extremely effective way of rendering first aid to someone who is choking. Free posters may be obtained at 6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville.

Center (former Lutheran Church property) were other benefits made possible by the bond issue. Others were construction of a much-needed fire station addition and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the addition of such new recreation facilities as lighted tennis courts, highway improvements such as a new access to Springhill Lake apartments, (Cherrywood Drive), the reconstruction and beautification of the Southway entrance and the reconstruction of part of Crescent Road and renovation of the existing Municipal Building.

Boys and Girls Club

by Kathie Reed

The Prince Georges County Boys Club presented a certificate to Norman Sacra in recognition of his selection as Outstanding Citizen at the January 3 meeting of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

Coming Soon — In about one week, the club will begin selling raffle tickets for a "MOPED" in order to raise funds to offset the membership increase enacted by the county Boys and Girls Club. The drawing will be March 7 and everyone's support is needed to keep membership fees at their current amount.

The basketball schedule for the week of January 15 is as follows: January 17 — 10 yr. boys, 6 p.m., SHL; 11 yr. boys, 7 p.m., SHL; 12 yr. boys, 6 p.m., YC; 13 yr. boys, 7 p.m., YC; 14 yr. boys, 8 p.m., SHL; 15 yr. girls, 8 p.m., YC; and 18 yr. girls, 9 p.m., YC. January 19 — 12 yr. boys, 6 p.m., YC; 13 yr. boys, 6 p.m., SHL; 15 yr. boys, 7 p.m., SHL; 16 yr. boys, 8 p.m., SHL; and 13 yr. girls, 7 p.m., YC.

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members, and would provide important encouragement for the corporation to proceed with the rehabilitation. It would not, however, immediately affect county taxes, which are the bulk of the property tax bill, but does allow the county to grant this credit. It was also proposed that GHI work on specific legislation for the County Council.

Work on the proposed legislation, including research into similar plans in other areas, has been done by law students at Antioch School of Law. Bobbi McCarthy, Audit Committee Chairman, said that she suspected the bill would be the best written proposed legislation in Annapolis during the up-coming session.

The rehabilitation consultants have a revised plan ready for examination and discussion by board and committees. The revised document will be received during the week after Christmas, and work by committees will begin shortly after New Year's. Members will receive copies of the rehabilitation plan.

A celebration to mark the completion of mortgage payments by GHI will be held on January 29, in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Scholarship Deadline Near

As the January 31 mailing deadline for the 1978-79 State Scholarship Board will be open on Saturday, January 28 for those persons unable to reach the Board during the week. As in previous years, persons needed help in completing or obtaining the application materials can call 383-4095 on Saturday, January 28 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or the financial aid officer of any nearby college during regular working hours. The State Scholarship applications for the 1978-79 school year can be obtained at all high school guidance offices and college financial aid offices.

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